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25X1 The Voden Agricultural Cooperative

1. The Agricultural Cooperative in Voden village (N4204 E2654), Elkhovo Okoliya, was established in 1949. At that time 450 of the 500 families in the village were members. The land of non-members was confiscated and they were given barren land in exchange. In 1951, 30 families, and in 1952, 40 families left the cooperative and were given only 30 decares of barren land in place of the land which they had originally contributed to the cooperative. Non-members of the cooperative currently own about 1,000 decares of land.
2. The cooperative raises wheat, barley, rye, oats, maize, different varieties of tare, sunflowers, and cotton. Tobacco was planted for the first time in 1952. The cooperative owns two tractors and a threshing machine.
3. In 1952, members of the cooperative were to receive 1 kilogram of wheat, 0.5 kilogram of rye, some sunflower oil and 60 stotinki (new money) per working day.
4. The harvest was poor in 1952 because the vicinity of Voden was without rain and the fields became parched.

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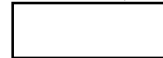
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Gypsies in Voden

6. There are two or three gypsy families in Voden. They work as blacksmiths.

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Eastern Orthodox Priest in Voden


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 He acts as the priest for Strandzha (N4203 E2700) and Gorska villages as well as for Voden. Nowadays, only the old people attend church.

DSNM Courses

8. Special courses have been established by the DSNM (Dimitrovski Sŭyuz Narodn Mladezh) for its members. The courses are given by the officers and men of the border units and meet two or three times a week in the winter, once a week in the summer, in the village coffee house. Nomenclature and use of weapons and hand grenades are taught. Attendance is voluntary.

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 Comment: Probably Gorska Polyana (N4207 E2656) is meant.

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